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CHICAGO, July 26th, 1933

American Numismatic Society,
156th West of Broadway,
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

We have approximately one hundred coins of Roman, Greek and Assyrian variety.

We were told by the Chicago Art Institute that you would be willing to decipher these coins for us, and give us a legend for it. This collection is part of our little museum that we have established here at the Institute.

Ours is purely a cultural and educational institution, and is dependent upon voluntary contributions in order to make our service possible; therefore, if you can render us this service without any charge to us, it would be greatly appreciated by

PLS:H

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman
General Director

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August 4, 1933.

Dr. Philip L. Seman
General Director
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Our President, Mr. E. T. Newell, says he will be glad to work on your Roman, Greek and Assyrian coins, if you are not in a hurry to get them back, as he would do it at odd moments. The coins could be sent to Mr. Edward T. Newell in care of the American Numismatic Society. This we would do for nothing, you to pay the carriage both ways.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

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CHICAGO, August 23rd, 1933

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

We sent you today a box containing some coins, referred to in our previous correspondence. The package was addressed to Mr. Edward T. Newell, care of the American Numismatic Society.

We greatly appreciate the fact that Mr. Newell will devote some time to work on the coins. If you will advise us when he has completed the study, we will gladly take care of the matter of postage for same.

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Sincerely yours,

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CHICAGO,

November 3, 1933.

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Under date of August 23rd we sent you a box containing some coins, referred to in our previous correspondence. This package was sent by parcel post insured, registered mail, and was addressed to Mr. Edward T. Newell, care of the American Numismatic Society.

Will you be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience what progress he has been able to make in evaluating these coins?

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman
General Director

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CHICAGO,

November 14, 1933.

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thinking that our letter to you of November 3rd may have gone astray in the mail, inasmuch as I have not had a reply to same, I wish to quote it here below:

"Under date of August 23rd we sent you a box containing some coins, referred to in our previous correspondence. This package was sent by parcel post insured, registered mail, and was addressed to Mr. Edward T. Newell, care of the American Numismatic Society.

Will you be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience what progress you have been able to make in evaluating these coins?"

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman
General Director

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November 17, 1933.

Dr. Philip L. Seman
General Director
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Seman:

Your letter of November 3rd came the day before I was taken sick. I had your letter forwarded to Mr. Newell who has been away and I have just heard from him stating that the coins, he thought, were at his country home and that he would attend to them as soon as he could. I expect to hear from him again any day and will either write you again or send the coins to you. I am sorry this delay has inconvenienced you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

November 21, 1933.

Mr. Philip L. Seman
General Director
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Seman:

Mr. Newell has just finished and has turned over to me the coins that you sent on August 23rd and I am sending them to you under separate cover by parcel post insured. You can figure out by the stamps the amount involved. I am very sorry for this delay but Mr. Newell has been away virtually all of the time since these coins arrived.

At the very end are three blank envelopes, each containing a coin. These he has been unable to work out but they afford enough interest so that he would like to have them for his own collection, with the hope of sometime being able to decipher them. If you care to turn these over to Mr. Newell he would appreciate it or if you would like, say, three other coins not represented in your collection in exchange for these he would be glad to exchange.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

CHICAGO,

December 3, 1933.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

This is in reply to your letter of November 21st. I want to assure you that we appreciate Mr. Newell's work in deciphering the coins which we sent you. We will ask you to be good enough to express our sincerest thanks to Mr. Newell for this splendid service.

Mr. Bornstein of Chicago, the gentleman who has generously contributed the Museum, of which the coins are a part of the collection, tells me that he had 114 coins, and that when they were returned, he found only 98. He is very much disturbed about this, and would like to have you check over on the coins that were sent, and see whether they have not been inadvertently mislaid. These coins were counted before they were put into the box, by two different people, and both checked.

With reference to the three (3) coins in the envelopes undeciphered, Mr. Bornstein advises that he will be glad to send them to Mr. Newell after we hear from you regarding the other coins. He prefers not to have any other coins in their place, and will be glad to wait until Mr. Newell has had an opportunity of deciphering them.

I am enclosing herewith 32¢ in stamps to cover the postage which you advanced, when sending the coins to us.

Would you be good enough to let us know in your answer what valuation for insurance Mr. Newell would place on the collection?

Awaiting an early reply, and again assuring you of our gratefulness of the service which you have rendered us, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman
General Director

PLS.MK

December 6, 1933.

Mr. Philip L. Seman, General Director
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Seman:

I am very much disturbed about the discrepancy in the coins sent and those returned. We did not count these so do not know but we do know this which partly caused the delay in returning them. Mr. Newell was under the impression that he turned over to me a few of the Arabic coins to attribute. I do not remember that he did this and have looked everywhere for these coins and cannot locate them. On looking over the coins Mr. Newell found several of the Mohammedan coins with those that he had and decided that these were the ones he was thinking of and that he did not turn them over to me. I will make a further search and take the matter up again with Mr. Newell. All I can say is that I have absolutely no recollection of seeing these coins. I will do my best to straighten out this matter and beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

December 11, 1933.

Mr. Philip L. Seman
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Seman:

Since your letter of December 3rd Mr. Newell and I have made a more extensive search - in fact have gone through our records. At the time the package came in I was on my vacation. Mr. Newell thinks he left the coins in the coin room for me to take up when I got back. I have found a package of 19 coins that I thought were a gift from Mr. Newell. Three of these 19 he has identified as having left with us during the fall as a gift. Therefore, the other 16 must certainly be your pieces that he turned over to us and which I understood were a gift from him. He thinks these probably are the pieces - at any rate I am going under this supposition. I have not had time to identify them but will shortly and will send them on to you, as I feel sure these are the missing coins. I am extremely sorry that such a thing has happened.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

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CHICAGO, December 22nd, 1933

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

Referring to your letter of December 11th, we wish
to advise you that we have not as yet received the
coins mentioned therein.

PLS:H

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman.
General Director

December 26, 1933.

Mr. Philip L. Seman
Jewish People's Institute
3300 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Seman:

Your letter of December 22nd has come to my attention due to the absence of Mr. Wood. The coins mentioned in his letter of December 11th have not as yet been sent to you. Mr. Wood will be out of town for another week and upon his return your letter will come to his attention.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Wood

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January 9, 1934.

Mr. Philip L. Seman
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Seman:

I am today returning to you by parcel post insured the remaining sixteen coins that I have just been able to attribute. The end of the year is a busy time for us as we have our reports to make up for our annual meeting. Also, I was away for over a week between Christmas and New Years and following that I had a call out of town. In one of your letters you asked the probable value of the coins. None are rare, little in demand, and we would place a value on them of about \$10.00 only. I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

HW:JG

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CHICAGO,

January 13th, 1934.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 9th, and for the coins, which have been received.

Permit me to assure you that I am grateful to you for the amount of work you have put in deciphering the coins for us, and also for the information you gave regarding their value.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman.
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May 3rd, 1934

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street,
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

You have been so cooperative in the past, that I should like to approach you again with reference to two coins that were left here at the Institute. I should greatly appreciate your advising me whether or not they have any value.

With thanks in advance for your help in this direction, I am

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Seman
General Director

PLS:H

May 7, 1934.

Mr. Philip L. Seman
Jewish People's Institute
3500 Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Seman:

The two coins you sent on were made in Morocco in 1871 which corresponds to the Mohammedan/^{date} of 1288. One was struck at Fez (the one with the larger date). The other one was struck at Morocco City. Both are exceedingly common and sell for just a few cents each. We are herewith returning the coins.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator